WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1. (currently amended) A clamping device comprising:

a hexagon receptacle adapted to receive hexagon bits inserted in an axial direction of the hexagon receptacle;

a radially movable locking element adapted to engage a locking recess of a hexagon bit inserted into the hexagon receptacle;

wherein the locking element has a rest position and projects in the rest position radially inwardly into the hexagon receptacle;

a locking sleeve surrounding the hexagon receptacle in an initial position and having a cylindrical securing wall;

wherein the securing wall radially secures the locking element in the rest position;

wherein the locking element is moveable within the hexagon receptacle in the axial direction into a receiving position, wherein radial deflection of the locking element is enabled in the receiving position;

a first pressure spring, wherein the locking element is axially moveable against a force of the first pressure spring; and

a second pressure spring, wherein the locking sleeve is moveable from the initial position in the axial direction toward a receiving end of the hexagon receptacle against the force of the second pressure spring.

2. (canceled)

3. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein the first pressure spring surrounds the hexagon receptacle.

4. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[2]], wherein the first pressure spring is a coil spring.

5. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[2]], further comprising a stop plate arranged between the first pressure spring and the locking element.

6. (original) The clamping device according to claim 5, wherein the stop plate has a slanted portion that is slanted radially inwardly, wherein the slanted portion rests against the locking element.

7. (original) The clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the hexagon receptacle has a slotted hole and wherein the locking element is axially guided in the slotted hole.

8. (canceled)

9. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[8]], wherein, in the axial direction, the securing wall has a wall end opposite the receiving end of the hexagon

receptacle, wherein the wall end has a slant widening in a radial outward direction.

10. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[8]], wherein, in the axial direction, the securing wall has a wall end facing the receiving end of the hexagon receptacle, wherein the wall end has a radially inwardly extending stop.

11. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[8]], wherein the locking sleeve is a rotary part having substantially rotation symmetry.

12. (currently amended) The clamping device according to claim 1 [[8]], wherein the locking sleeve has exterior surface profiling.

13. (original) The clamping device according to claim 1, wherein the locking element is a ball.

14. (original) The clamping device according to claim 1, adapted to be provided as an integral part of a tool shaft of a hand-held machine tool.

15. (original) The clamping device according to claim 14, wherein the machine tool is a reversible drill.

16. (canceled)